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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

THE JEWISH MISSION.

OCCUPATION OF MONASTIR—MOURNFUL INTELLIGENCE.

The Committee some time ago decided after due deliberation on adopting Monastir as the station for the occupation of our mission. The reasons which actuated them in this decision, and the grounds on which they believe that there is a wide opening for usefulness among the Jewish, Bulgarian and other nationalities in that region of country, will be stated in next issue of the *Presbyterian*. Meanwhile we learn that Dr. Epstein and family have, in accordance with the views of the Committee, taken up their residence at Monastir. We have, however, to announce with real sorrow that, prior to his removal to that city, our missionary had been visited with sore affliction. The elder of his children, a bright intelligent girl, "Fanny," whose letters were beginning so much to interest

the readers of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*, died at Salonica on the 16th August of typhoid fever after an illness of 4½ days. A letter from Dr. Epstein, of date the 22d August, has just been received, intimating the mournful bereavement.

Her father looked forward to her being of use to him in the mission work, and she had been entrusted already with certain duties in the Mission School at Salonica. Our readers will share in the grief of their missionary, but will rejoice with him in the assurance which he entertains that she had learned to love her Saviour. Let the friends of the mission bear the missionary on their hearts before the Throne of Grace, and supplicate that this sore affliction may be lightened to him. "The Lord," he writes, "has smitten me and mine to the ground. We mourn and yet will mourn, though not in despair, as the sweet assurance is left us that our dear Fanny is with Jesus whom she loved, adored and worshipped."

Though borne down in a strange land under this heavy affliction, our missionary is about in his new abode to set himself to the study of the Bulgarian language, and is waiting in the trust that he will "yet see his Master's face emerging soon from behind the thick cloud of darkness which now covers His throne, and that He will show him more clearly what He would have him to do for Him."

THE ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES AND HIS REPLY THERETO.

We insert herewith the Address of the Synod to the Prince of Wales, together with the Reply of His Royal Highness, and in doing so deem it right to refer to transactions connected with its presentation, which have now assumed a historical importance. Our readers are generally ere this aware that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., declined to present the address at St. Levee in Montreal, and in so doing acted with becoming dignity. He moreover thereby asserted the rights of our Church to be placed on a footing of perfect equality with the other National Church of the Empire, and that in so effective a manner as to secure a subsequent ample recognition of our rights. That the Church received a public slight on the occasion in question is beyond all doubt, but it was at once resented and has been condoned for. As our readers will desire to know the particulars of the transactions in question, we extract from the *Montreal Gazette* the following paragraphs, endorsing the statements therein contained as strictly accurate, and only observing that we believe the Duke of Newcastle was not responsible personally for the treatment our Church received:

The Synod at its annual meeting at Kingston in May last adopted an address to the Prince